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SUBJECT: EXPLORATION OF FORMULA FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACCESS
TO KIM DONG-JO

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1. WE WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING AMBASSADOR KIM YONG-SHIK AND JAWORSKI TOGETHER ON THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE APRIL 12, BUT THIS REMAINS AN IMMINENT PROSPECT IF THERE IS SOME SUPPORTIVE FEEDBACK TO THE AMBASSADOR HERE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT IN SEOUL.

2. DESPITE YOUR EFFORTS THERE (REFTEL), KIM DEFINITELY FEELS THAT HE HAS BEEN PLACED FAR OUT ON A LIMB WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS ALREADY PARTLY SAWN OFF. COUNSELOR PARK SHOWED US PRIVATE MESSAGE RECEIVED TODAY FROM FONMIN
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PARK TONG-JIN TO THE AMB REPORTING ON CRITICISM OF KIM YONG-SHIK IN THE PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE INTERPOLLATIONS (NOT REFLECTED IN YOUR REPORTING). THE FONMIN SAID THAT THE DRP'S PAK CH'UN-KYU WAS VERY CRITICAL OF KIM'S MEETING WITH SPEAKER O'NEILL, CHARGING THAT KIM'S ACTIONS CONSTITUTED "SELLING OUT" OF KIM DONG-JO AND BE-COMING A POLITICAL FOOTBALL IN DOMESTIC U.S. POLITICS

BETWEEN STATE AND THE CONGRESS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CABLE THEN CALLED UPON THE AMBASSADOR TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FEELINGS OF THE DRP AND NDP LEGISLATORS WITH REGARD TO MEETINGS HERE. AMBASSADOR KIM IS REPORTEDLY SENDING BACK A STRONG RESPONSE ASKING WHY THE FOREIGN MINISTER DID NOT SUPPORT HIM IN THE INTERPOLLATION AND EXPLAIN THE NORMALITY AND IMPORTANCE OF MEETINGS WITH CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES.

3. SPEAKER O'NEILL HAS SENT A LETTER TO AMBASSADOR KIM EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THEIR FRANK AND CORDIAL CONVERSATION APRIL 10 AND ASKING HE CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE WITH JAWORSKI. THUS THE AMENITIES ARE DISPOSED OF.

4. PARK STRESSED THAT THE ONLY THING NOW IN THE WAY OF PROCEEDING WAS THE VERY NEGATIVE PERSPECTIVE EMANATING FROM SEOUL. AMB KIM IN HIS PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG-HEE HAD FOUND THE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE "VERY CONSTRUCTIVE" AND "POSITIVE." THE PRESENT STORM CLOUDS IN SEOUL HAD ALL GATHERED AFTER AMB KIM RETURNED TO WASHINGTON, ALTHOUGH THE AMB BELIEVES THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS HAVE NOT CHANGED.

5. PARK SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THE ROKG WERE TO BE ABLE TO PERCEIVE SOME POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S EFFORTS THUS FAR. WE NOTED THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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TENOR OF PRESS STORIES HAD DEFINITELY CHANGED, THERE WAS MUCH MORE UNDERSTANDING OF KOREA'S POSITIONS NOW THAN EARLIER, RELATIONS WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WERE ON A COOPERATIVE FOOTING, AND THE SPEAKER'S CORDIAL LETTER ITSELF DEMONSTRATED MARKED CHANGE. PARK ACKNOWLEDGED THIS BUT INSISTED THAT IT WAS INADEQUATELY RECOGNIZED IN SEOUL AND MESSAGES RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY IN THE PAST FEW DAYS HAD BEEN UNIFORMLY NEGATIVE AND CRITICAL. PARK KEPT REPEATING THAT: "THEY JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND BACK IN SEOUL."

6. KIM IS CONSIDERING TRAVELING TO HOUSTON TO MEET PRIVATELY THERE WITH JAWORSKI, AND PARK SAID THE AMB MIGHT MAKE A DECISION FRIDAY, DEPENDING ON WHETHER HE RECEIVED ANY SUPPORT FROM SEOUL IN RESPONSE TO THE "STRONG" MESSAGE HE WOULD SEND THIS EVENING.

7. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO US HERE THAT PAK TONG-JIN IS PLAYING A RATHER SELF-SERVING GAME IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DISAVOW ANY "FAILURE" IN THE PRESENT EFFORTS. CHRISTOPHER

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